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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WITH REFERENCE TO CHANCERY CONSTRUCTION THE DATES IN
PARA 6 OF STATE 293475 LOOK FINE TO US. WE ALSO AGREE
WITH THE PROVISION FOR ASKING FOR THE REMAINING THREE
APARTMENTS BY JUNE 1977.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE RECONFIGURATION OF THE FLORENTSIYA
APARTMENTS TOM CALLED ROBIN ON DECEMBER 2 TO CHECK
WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY DEVELOPMENTS AND ALSO INDICATE
OUR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE SITUATION. ROBIN SAID AS OF
THAT DATE THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE. WE CERTAINLY SUPPORT
THE IDEA OF TELLING THE SOVIETS THAT THEY CANNOT DO ANY
OF THEIR OWN WORK IN THEIR NEW YORK APARTMENTS. OUR
ONLY QUESTION IS WHETHER THEY EVER PLANNED TO. IT MAY
BE IN FACT THEY PREFER TO USE AMERICAN LABOR AND
EQUIPMENT.

3. RE MOSCOW 18917 OF ALEKSANDR BORISOVICH CHAKOVSKIY,
WHO IS CHIEF EDITOR OF LITERATURNAYA GAZETA, OUR
CANDIDATE FOR DESIGNATION AS THE WORST LOCAL YELLOW
SHEET. CHAKOVSKIY HAS APPLIED FOR A TEN-DAY VISIT TO
NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPENING A
CORRESPONDENT'S OFFICE. ETD IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 18.
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WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO PUT A HOLD ON THIS

ONE (P&C CONCURS). BEFORE MAKING A DECISION ON CHCKOVSKIY'S VISA APPLICATION, WE WANT TO SORT OUT MARK HOPKINS' CASE (I.E., OBSTACLES AND DELAYS PRIOR TO VISA ISSUANCE) AND TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CASE OF OBOLENSKY'S APPLICATION. AS SOON AS THESE MATTERS ARE CLARIFIED, WE'LL PASS ON OUR RECOMMENDATION REGARDING CHAKOVSKIY'S APPLICATION.

4. PLEASE PASS TO MARSHALL AT AREA CODE (602) 298-2351, ROOM 14: PHLEA DEPARTS MOSCOW VIA PANAM 45 ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, ARRIVING NEW YORK THE SAME DAY AT 1835. WE DO NOT HAVE THE CONNECTING FLIGHT, NEW YORK-TUCSON, AND MAY NOT BEFORE PHLEA DEPARTS. MARSHALL SHOULD CHECK WITH NEAREST PANAM AOFFICE. WE WILL ALSO TRY TO SUPPLY CONNECTING FLIGHT INFORMATION FROM HERE IF POSSIBLE. WE HAVE OBTAINED A RABIES CERTIFICATE FOR PHLEA, BUT HE DID NOT GET THE SHOT. HE SHOULD GET IT PROMPTLY IN ARIZONA.

5. FOR AMBASSADOR CARGO, S/IG, FROM MILLER: UNLESS SOMETHING UNFORESEEN ARISES, I WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON DULLES FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 VIA PA 67. PLEASE NOTIFY JUANITA. WILL CALL YOU OVER WEEKEND.

6.U.S. CORRESPONDENT MENTIONED TO ME THIS AFTERNOON THAT SWEITZER TOLD HIM THAT MARSHALL IS LIKELY TO REPLACE HIM AS DCM BELGRADE.

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